

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependent claims and to reduce the fees, without prejudice. The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent applications.

A copy of the inventor's Declaration filed in the International Phase is attached.

Acceptance of the attached formal drawings is requested.

Return of an initialed copy of the attached PTO-1449 Form, pursuant to MPEP § 609 is requested.

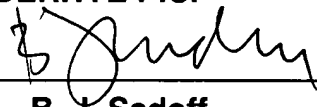
Acknowledgement of receipt of a certified copy of the priority document from the International Bureau is requested.

An early and favorable action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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